

Helping Communities Recover from Hurricane Matthew

On Thursday, Gov. Cooper traveled to Fair Bluff to thank students and staff of Columbus Career and College Academy (CCCA) for their volunteerism during and after Hurricane Matthew. Amid the devastation from Matthew, CCCA acted as a Red Cross emergency shelter, taking in neighbors affected by the hurricane. The governor also visited residents at a housing complex in Lumberton and asked them about their experiences recovering from Hurricane Matthew.

"Help can't come quick enough for those who have been left homeless from a hurricane," Cooper said. "The recovery process is long and we still have a lot more work to do. We need to get people back into their former homes or into new, safer homes."

Read more about the governor's hurricane recovery visit [[HYPERLINK](http://www.robesonian.com/news/103015/cooper-comes-to-comfort) "http://www.robesonian.com/news/103015/cooper-comes-to-comfort"].

6 Million Meals for Meals on Wheels

On Wednesday, Gov. Cooper and First Lady Kristin Cooper delivered the 6 millionth meal with the Meals on Wheels program in Winston-Salem. The governor and first lady met with Rosalie Young, a Meals on Wheels recipient, and talked with her about the importance of the program to seniors across North Carolina. Gov. Cooper also recognized the hard work of the many volunteers who fight food insecurity statewide.

"These volunteers knock on people's doors and they visit them and deliver nutrition," Gov. Cooper said. "But they offer kindness and friendship and companionship and deliver a message on behalf of this community that we care about you."

Read more about Gov. Cooper's Meals on Wheels visit [[HYPERLINK](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/gov-roy-cooper-delivers--millionth-meals-on-wheels-lunch/article_ba44ee6f-2ff2-505a-af77-4569a1083a93.html) "http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/gov-roy-cooper-delivers--millionth-meals-on-wheels-lunch/article_ba44ee6f-2ff2-505a-af77-4569a1083a93.html"].

Protecting Our Drinking Water

On Thursday, Gov. Cooper vetoed House Bill 56, arguing that the legislation only symbolically addresses unregulated, emerging contaminants in North Carolina's drinking water. HB 56 does not provide resources to state agencies whose mission is to protect drinking water from illegal chemicals. The bill also unduly rolls back environmental protections regarding landfills, river basins and beaches.

"This cynical legislation fails to address the concerns of families in the Cape Fear region and does nothing to protect drinking water statewide going forward," said Gov. Cooper.

Read Gov. Cooper's full statement [[HYPERLINK](https://medium.com/@NC_Governor/protecting-our-drinking-water-817cc1a98d77) "https://medium.com/@NC_Governor/protecting-our-drinking-water-817cc1a98d77"].

NC Joins U.S. Climate Alliance

This week, Gov. Cooper announced that North Carolina will join the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition currently made of 15 states that are committed to reducing their share of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

“Clean air and a healthy environment are vital for a strong economy and a healthier future,” Gov. Cooper said. “So much of North Carolina’s economy relies on protecting our treasured natural resources, and I’m committed to maintaining the quality of their air we breathe for generations to come.”

This is just the latest action taken by the Cooper Administration to help combat climate change. Gov. Cooper recently signed into law House Bill 589, Competitive Energy Solutions for North Carolina, which will roughly double North Carolina’s solar generation over the next four years.

Learn more about North Carolina’s role in the U.S. Climate Alliance [[HYPERLINK "https://governor.nc.gov/news/north-carolina-joins-14-states-bipartisan-us-climate-alliance"](https://governor.nc.gov/news/north-carolina-joins-14-states-bipartisan-us-climate-alliance)].

Wishing Livingstone College Students Well at Fall Convocation

On Friday, Gov. Cooper traveled to Salisbury to deliver a fall convocation address to students and faculty at Livingstone College, a historically black college. During his remarks, the governor encouraged students set intentions for the upcoming schoolyear and the years to follow.

“Living with purpose means something different for every person,” Gov. Cooper said. “I’d like to share with you what living a life of purpose means to me, and then I’d like to challenge you to think about what it means to you.”